Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 16 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 17 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 15 Feb 2023 at 16:28 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for cold and windy weather on Friday. Low for detail over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 16 Feb 2023: Mainly dry and cold. Gales and patchy rain and snow developing in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 16 Feb 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Cloudy	Mist	Mist	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sleet	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	70%	80%

Forecast for Thursday 16 Feb 2023

Weather: Variable cloud cover with the chance of drizzle or higher summit light snow in the early hours. Daylight hours will be largely dry after some early drizzle, and light summit snow across Argyll. Extensive low cloud at first gradually clearing away from late morning and early afternoon to leave a somewhat brighter period of weather. Thickening cloud will bring some rain eastwards in the evening, briefly preceded by some snow.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres at first. Low cloud is expected to clear from the west by early afternoon with some patchy cloud above 850 metres in the afternoon. Low cloud down to 500 metres will return from the west after dark.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	28/34 SW	22/27 S	18/22 S	18/21 S	20/26 SW	24/30 SW	27/34 S	41/51 S	48/62 SW
900	17/22 SW	12/16 SW	10/13 SW	9/12 SW	13/18 SW	17/23 SW	19/26 S	25/35 S	32/45 SW
600	17/22 SW	11/15 SW	8/11 S	8/11 S	12/17 SW	17/23 SW	21/27 S	30/38 S	35/48 SW
300	8/12 S	6/8 S	4/7 S	4/6 S	6/9 SW	9/14 SW	10/17 S	14/24 S	19/31 SW
Glen	4/9 S	2/5 S	3/5 S	2/5 S	5/10 SW	7/14 SW	7/17 S	8/19 S	17/35 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-12	-3/-11	-3/-9	-3/-9	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-10	0/-8	2/-6
900	-1/-7	-1/-6	-0/-5	-0/-4	0/-5	0/-6	0/-6	2/-5	4/-2
600	2/-4	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2	3/-2	2/-3	4/-2	6/0
300	4/1	4/2	4/2	4/2	5/3	5/2	5/2	6/2	8/4
Glen	6/4	5/4	5/4	6/5	7/5	7/5	7/5	7/5	10/6
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	800m	800m	800m	900m	1000m	2300m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Higher summit gales developing through the evening.

Forecast for Friday 17 Feb 2023

Weather: Rain for a time in the early hours, this clearing away by dawn. Then the morning and early afternoon will see frequent snow showers across southern Lochaber and northern Argyll, these dying out in the afternoon. Southern Argyll, the Trossachs and Arran will be bright with just a few snow showers. Windy at all levels especially across the north in the morning.

Maximum wind: Westerly 50 mph with gusts to 70 mph on the tops in the morning across the north. Winds moderating through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance in the south

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, this tending to become less extensive through the afternoon. Outside of cloud and snow expect excellent visibility with great air clarity, but poor visibility in snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: 5 Celsius falling to -1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits falling to 700 metres

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